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NAVAL EVENT MILAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Naval event Milan 2008 was organized by the Indian Navy in Port Blair in January, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries which attended the event; and

(c) the issues discussed during the event?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A joint naval exercise, Milan 2008, was conducted by the Indian Navy with the naviesof some foreign countries at Port Blair in January, 2008. Ships and delegates from elevencountries, viz., Australia, Brunei, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, New Zealand,Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam participated in 'Milan 2008'.A seminar was alsoheld during this period, which raised issues of common concern relating to maritime security,maritime environment and disaster management.